

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

16th Meeting of Working Group 1 of the European Board for Digital Services

On 24 September 2026, the MCA participated in the 20th meeting of the European Board for Digital Services. The meeting focused on election integrity and the adoption of the DSA Elections Toolkit, including ongoing election-related activities and guidelines, as well as discussions on the Commission's Trusted Flagger Guidelines and the Board's Opinion on TEMU's action plan under Article 75(3) DSA. The Board also exchanged views on DSA enforcement developments, the Commission's preliminary findings in the Meta and TikTok cases, the repository of good practices under Article 18 DSA, priorities for the 2027 Annual Work Plan, and the adoption of a Board press statement.

World Radiocommunication Conference 27 Radio Spectrum Policy Group Subgroup Meeting

The MCA participated in the Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG) subgroup meeting on the World Radiocommunication Conference 2027 (WRC-27), held on 29 September 2026. The meeting reviewed the responses received to the public consultation of the draft RSPG opinion for WRC-27.

7th Meeting of Working Group 8 of the European Board for Digital Services

On 29 September 2026, the MCA participated in the 7th meeting of Working Group 8 (IT Issues) of the European Board for Digital Services. The meeting focused on the future role of WG8, including its renewed mandate, working methods, user survey plans, and the establishment of cross-cutting functional workstreams covering complaints, orders, trusted flaggers, data access, training, and user support. Participants also discussed the prioritisation of AGORA developments, including short-term improvements to complaints handling, data access and messaging functionalities, longer-term development needs for AGORA Sovereign, and received updates on the Data Access Portal, training initiatives, eTranslate, interoperability for orders, and other system enhancements.

Remedies and Market Monitoring Working Group Workshop

A representative from the MCA attended a full-day RAMM WG workshop on 28 September 2026. The workshop focused on the Data Observatory and included a presentation of the preliminary results of the RAMM survey, together with discussions on the views of several NRAs and their respective data collection procedures.

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integrity and the adoption of the DSA Elections Toolkit, updates on the Commission Guidelines on Trusted Flaggers pursuant to Article 22 DSA, adoption of the Board's Opinion on TEMU's action plan under Article 75(3) DSA, developments following the State of the Union speech, recent DSA enforcement activities, the Commission's preliminary findings in the Meta and TikTok cases, the adoption of the repository of good practices under Article 18 DSA, and initial discussions on the Board's 2027 Annual Work Plan and press statement.

17th Meeting of Working Group 7 of the European Board for Digital Services

The MCA participated in the 17th meeting of Working Group 7 Orders and Criminal Issues of the European Board for Digital Services, on 23 September 2026. The meeting focused on the next steps following the adoption of the Article 18 DSA Board Repository, discussions on orders, online hate speech, and measures to improve cooperation with law enforcement and judicial authorities, including an exchange of experiences from recent outreach activities.

ERGP Regulatory Framework Working Group Meeting

An MCA representative participated in a meeting of the ERGP Regulatory Framework Working Group held on 22 and 23 September 2026. The meeting discussed various matters that are relevant in the context of ongoing deliberations related to a new European Delivery Act. Additionally, the meeting continued discussions on work related to a Report on the resilience of the Postal Network, which is intended to be adopted later this year.

46th Meeting of the ECC Working Group NaN2

Two representatives from the MCA participated virtually in a meeting of a project team within WG NaN which was held between the 22 and 23 September 2026. The project team held discussions on multiple aspects related to trust in numbers, number portability, and switching, including ongoing Report drafting and discussions on future work items.

Ad hoc meeting on EU Kids Acts

On 18 September 2026, the MCA participated in an ad hoc meeting on the EU Kids Act. The discussion concerned child safety online and the broader objective of strengthening the protection of minors in the digital environment through continued cooperation among relevant stakeholders.

Best Practices Recommendations on Article 21 Workshop

On 18 September 2026, the MCA participated in a workshop on Best Practices Recommendations on Article 21. The workshop focused on consultations and discussions concerning the draft recommendations on communications to users, including the review of comments, and proposed amendments submitted by participating authorities.

Ad hoc meeting of Working Group 5 of the European Board for Digital Services

The MCA participated in an ad hoc meeting of WG5 on 18 September 2026. The meeting focused on the endorsement by WG5 of the final draft Board Opinion on the action plan submitted by Temu, as prepared by the DSC drafting group, and reviewed revisions made following feedback received from Digital Services Coordinators. Discussions centred on the finalisation of the Board Opinion and the collective assessment of the measures proposed in Temu's action plan under the DSA framework.

18th Meeting of Working Group 6 of the European Board for Digital Services

On 16 September 2026, the MCA participated in the 18th meeting of Working Group 6 (Protection of Minors) of the European Board for Digital Services, which was held online. The meeting covered EU-level child online safety initiatives, including updates on the Special Panel on Child Safety Online and the Presidency Conference on Online Safety for Children and Young People. Discussions also addressed progress on the Commission's age-verification solution and Article 28 priority workstreams, as well as the Cyberbullying Action Plan, the Board's second annual report on systemic risks and mitigation measures, and the draft 2027 Annual Work Plan.

ITU 9th Multilateral Frequency Coordination Meeting

The 9th Multilateral Frequency Coordination Meeting was held in Paris, France, on 15–16 September 2026. Chaired by the International Telecommunication Union, it focused primarily on harmful interference from Italy affecting broadcasting services in neighbouring countries, including Croatia, France, Switzerland, Slovenia, and Malta. Participants reviewed recent developments and agreed on a number of follow-up actions.

BEREC Sustainability Working Group (SUS WG) Meeting

An expert from the MCA attended a two-day online BEREC SUS WG meeting between 15 and 16 September. The first day encompassed an internal meeting among experts from NRAs. The second day consisted of an external workshop entitled "Understanding the Sufficiency of Digital Technologies for Greener Networks and ICTs", during which various stakeholders and NRAs presented the approaches being adopted in their respective markets to address the environmental impact of digital technologies.

24th Meeting of Working Group 3 of the European Board for Digital Services

On 11 September 2026, the MCA participated in the 24th meeting of Working Group 3 of the European Board for Digital Services, which was

held online. The meeting focused on updates to the Trusted Flaggers Guidelines, followed by questions and a discussion. Additional presentations covered Slovakia's transparency report and content moderation by the Danish NGO Digitalt Ansvar, before concluding with planning for the next WG3 meeting.

BEREC Contact Network Meeting

The MCA participated in the third BEREC Contact Network meeting of 2026, which was held in Tirana, Albania between the 10th and 11th September 2026. This Contact Network prepared the agenda and discussed the documents to be submitted to the BEREC Board of Regulators and Management Board for adoption during the 68th plenary meetings, to be held in Dubrovnik, Croatia in October.

20th Meeting of Working Group 4 of the European Board for Digital Services

On 10 September 2026, the MCA will participate in the twentieth meeting of Working Group 4 – Integrity of the Information Space of the European Board for Digital Services. The meeting will focus on the implementation of the DSA Election Guidelines, including measures relating to artificial intelligence, advertising and monetisation, system integrity, cooperation and transparency, and recommender systems. Discussions will also cover the latest developments on the Incident and Crisis Protocol, follow-up on the Ceuta crisis, and priorities for the Board's 2027 annual workplan.

21st Meeting of Working Group 2 of the European Board for Digital Services

The MCA attended the 21st meeting of Working Group 2 (Working Together) of the European Board for Digital Services, which was held online on 9 September 2026. The meeting focused on preparations for the Board's next Annual Work Plan and the possible amendments to the WG2 fiche, discussions on Board Opinions on Action Plans under Article 75, and updates on cross-border cooperation under Article 58.

10th Meeting of Working Group 5 of the European Board for Digital Services

On 8 September 2026, the MCA participated in the 10th meeting of Working Group 5 (Consumer Protection and Online Marketplaces) of the European Board for Digital Services. The meeting focused on the European Commission's non-compliance decision concerning AliExpress, including a presentation and discussion of the decision, as well as a presentation of the results of a study on the typological mapping of online financial scams on platforms. The meeting also included updates from Workstream 1 on the mapping of national authorities and updates from Member States

6th Meeting of Working Group 7 of the European Board for Digital Services

Experts from the MCA participated in the 16th

meeting of Working Group 7 (Orders and Criminal Issues) of the European Board for Digital Services on 8 September 2026. The meeting focused on the discussion of a Board document concerning Article 18 of the Digital Services Act (DSA), including a presentation by the Chair and an exchange of views among members

BEREC EU Working Group Full Group Meeting

MCA representatives attended the BEREC EU WG Full Group Meeting in Riga on 3 September 2026, where MCA presented its work assessing providers' compliance with requirements to notify subscribers upon the expiry of their contracts. MCA also led a discussion on the application of Article 102 EECC, specifically considering whether plan-specific information may be provided exclusively through the contract summary, where the summary forms an integral part of the contractual agreement. The meeting also covered progress on the BEREC Work Programme 2026, preparations for BEREC CN3/2026 and initial discussions on priorities for the 2027 Work Programme.

Best Practice Recommendation Subgroup 5 Meeting

On 18 August 2026, the MCA participated in an online meeting with Bnetsa, CnaM and the Commission, on the next steps for Best Practice Recommendation (BPR) Subgroup 5, including discussions on the draft recommendations, and plans for consolidation of the joint submissions concerning Article 21 DSA procedures.

Ad-hoc Working Group 4 Meeting

The MCA participated in an ad-hoc meeting of Working Group 4 – Integrity of the Information Space on 13 August 2026. The meeting focused on the online aspects of the Ceuta crisis, including the situation presented by CNMC and related actions taken at EU level under the Digital Services Act. CNECT also provided updates on the stocktaking exercise concerning election guidelines and the development of the Incident and Crisis Protocol, followed by questions and discussion.

PUBLICATIONS

End-User Affairs: Half Yearly Report (January - June 2026)

Published On 29/09/2026 End User Half Yearly Report MCA/R/26-6057

The Wholesale Provision of Voice Call Termination Services in Malta - A Consultation on Findings and Proposals

Published On 15/09/2026 Consultation MCA/C/26-6083

Update to the Register of Authorised Undertakings providing Electronic

Communications Networks and/or Services in Malta

Published On 11/09/2026 News

Career Opportunity: Senior Expert - Cybersecurity

Published On 27/08/2026 Recruitment Jobsplus Permit Number: 298/2026

Career Opportunity: Trust Services Specialist - EUDI

Published On 27/08/2026 Recruitment Jobsplus Permit Number: 300/2026

Career Opportunity: Senior Technical Specialist (In Review)

Published On 21/08/2026 Recruitment Jobsplus Permit Number: 397/2025

Summary Report | Conference: Trust in a Connected World: Challenges and Opportunities

Published On 21/08/2026 Initiative MCA-EXT/da/26-6061

Update to the Register of Authorised Undertakings providing Postal Services in Malta

Published On 13/08/2026 News

Career Opportunity: Digital Services Specialist

Published On 11/08/2026 Recruitment Jobsplus
Permit No - 678/2026

Career Opportunity: Assistant Manager (Information & Communications Technology)

Published On 11/08/2026 Recruitment Jobsplus
Permit No - 677/2026

International News Week 9 2026

Published On 10/08/2026 News

International News Week 8 2026

Published On 04/08/2026 News

Monthly Newsletter - June 2026

Published On 03/08/2026 News

LEGAL UPDATES

Litigation

23 September 2026

Court of Appeal (Inferior Jurisdiction) judgement in the case MaltaPost plc versus I-Awtorità ta' Malta dwar il-Komunikazzjoni decided, whereby the Court confirmed the earlier judgement of the Administrative Review Tribunal, which had in turn rejected all the claims made by MaltaPost against the Authority, following a decision taken by the Authority requiring MaltaPost to pay compensation under the Collective Compensation Scheme for not having attained the single mail delivery target d+1 for financial year 2019. Case was decided with costs against MaltaPost.

MEDIA ACTIVITY



Radio:

Date: 09.09.2026

Channel: NET FM

Programme: Brunch ma' Marbeck

Topic: MCA's 25th Anniversary

Participant: Yanika Buġeja

Date: 20.08.2026

Channel: NET FM

Programme: Brunch ma' Marbeck

Topic: Roaming (Part 2)

Participant: Yanika Buġeja

Date: 03.08.2026

Channel: Radju Malta

Programme: Minn Jum għal Jum

Topic: Roaming

Participant: Yanika Buġeja

TV:

Date: 23.09.2026

Channel: FLiving

Programme: FLiving Show

Topic: MCA's 25th Anniversary, Contract Summary and Modifications to the T&Cs

Participant: Yanika Buġeja

Date: 15.09.2026

Channel: NET TV

Programme: Sajf Fuq NET

Topic: Subscribing to a telecoms service

Participant: Yanika Buġeja

Date: 09.09.2026

Channel: ONE TV

Programme: Kwartu Kuljum

Topic: MCA's 25th Anniversary

Participant: Yanika Buġeja

Date: 19.08.2026

Channel: NET TV

Programme: Sajf Fuq NET

Topic: Internet

Participant: Yanika Buġeja

Date: 12.08.2026

Channel: NET TV

Programme: Sajf Fuq NET

Topic: Contract Summary

Participant: Yanika Buġeja

Participant: Yanika Buġeja

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